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Only You Can Give Blood

The human body is special -- It is the only manufacturing plant in the world able to make that complex liquid--BLOOD--sometimes called the "river of life".

The Appalachian Blood Region, of which Appomattox County is a part, serves some fifty hospitals. The quota for the region is based upon the actual needs of the hospitals. The quota for our county is based upon our capability to produce 322 pints of blood per fiscal year. If we do not produce our quota a blood shortage is the result. Who makes the decision on who gets transfused and who does not? Or which hospital gets blood and which does not? Do you want to make that decision? Won't YOU donate a pint of blood on Tuesday, January 27, 1970, at Liberty Baptist Church?

JORDAN BAPTIST

Judge not, that ye be judged. For with what judgment we judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. St. Matthew 8:1-2

Ladies Club meeting Saturday night at 7:30 p. m.

Church meeting will be held Tuesday night before the fourth Sunday in January at 7:30 p. m. Please be present.

Regular Preaching Services will be held on the fourth (4) Sunday at 11:00 a. m. Sunday Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10:00 a. m.

Mrs. Revella Austin is in the hospital; we hope for her a speedy return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Penn visited in the home of Mrs. Hilda Jones Monday night.

Smokey Says:

Drug Dependence Is Deceiving

By: Henry V. Langford

Thousands of years ago in ancient Rome fashionable young women discovered a beauty trick. They deposited drops of bella - donna preparations in their eyes. This made the pupils appear much larger and darker and the Roman women believed they were more beautiful as a result. Unfortunately, when these deceitful girls returned from their dates they were not sure whether their escorts had been handsome or hideous because the drug had distored their vision.

The misuse of drugs is as old as drugs themselves but drug misuse today can have a far more serious outcome than a temporary spell of impaired vision. Modern science relies on potent drugs to cure suffering and restore good health but the same drugs used improperly, can be harmful to those who abuse them.

Many are convinced that today's drug abuse problem is caused by ignorance especially among our young people. If they knew more of the medical purpose of drugs, as well as the potential serious effects of drug abuses, they could avoid or make informed decisions about them.

The objective of drug abuse education programs is to prevent development of an actual drug abuse situation. Drug abuse education is controversial for many reasons. There was a time not long ago in this country when a young person attending school was not exposed to information regarding the use or abuse of drugs. Those days are gone forever. Now even in remote areas of the country, there is hardly a youth who has not been exposed to a great deal of information and misinformation on the use and abuse of drugs. It is imperative that the educator present accurate and understandable information on the drugs in question. The importance of this is indicated by drug abusers themselves. Almost without exception, these people state that prior information about the hazards of drug abuse might have prevented their involvement particularly where curiosity or thrill-seeking was the apparent motivating factor.

Educators must avoid moralizing or lecturing. One cannot put it this way "When I first started using drugs, I did it because I wasn't supposed to, and look where it got me." Or "I did it because I wasn't supposed to, and look what it got me." He was told not to do was what I did. In my crowd, that's how you proved you were a man."

No simple explanation will fit every situation. Therefore, flexibility in dealing with the problem may be the key to successfully explaining it despite the fact that certain images of drugs, as well as the potential serious effects of drug abuses, they could avoid or make informed decisions about them.

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